

# TO THE PUBLIC.

THE following document, which was signed and delivered in presence of A. W. Babbitt Esq., will show how much honesty, sincerity, or good faith, there is in Wm. Smith's pretended claims to any portion of the Church property. In the first place, he had no claim: But, to avoid any difficulty or contention, the Trustees agreed to give to his mother the property mentioned in the following.

## TO ALL TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS is to certify, that we, the members of the Smith family, in consideration of Mother Smith having received from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a deed of conveyance of a house and lot in the city of Nauvoo, Hancock county; built and occupied by Joseph B. Noble, valued, in ordinary times, at the sum of twelve hundred dollars. We hereby in consideration of the above named and mentioned donation, and deed of conveyance, declare ourselves perfectly satisfied with the dealings of said church with Mother Smith; and freely acknowledge that the said church is hereby released from all moral and legal obligation to us or either of us.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, at Nauvoo, Hancock county, Illinois.

WM. SMITH,  
ARTHUR MILLIKIN,  
LUCY MILLIKIN.

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1862

Respectable Wm. Smith -  
claim to church property.

Samuel Wm

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